WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §14-1-2

§14-1-2. Method of proceeding; jurisdiction; venue; suing in name of state.

When the proceeding is at law, it may be by motion on twenty days' notice, or by action; and whether at law or in chancery, it may be brought in any court which would have jurisdiction thereof if the proceeding were brought by an individual, or in the circuit court of the county in which the seat of government is; or, if property or a debt be attached, in the circuit court of the county where such property may be found or the person owing such debt may reside; and it may be in the name of the state though the liability is created or secured by bond or other instrument, payable to, or covenant or contract with, any public officer or other person or official body acting on behalf of the state.